

## THE HOUSE OF CECIL.

England's Premier, Salisbury, Comes of Office-Holding Stock.

400 YEARS OF PATRONAGE.

Fourteen Generations of the Family Have Feasted Royally at the Public Crib—History of Hatfield House.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.)

LONDON, January 16.—The man on whom the political gaze of the universe is now centered, the Marquis of Salisbury, is a remarkable example of the force of heredity. For nearly four hundred years each generation of his ancestors has figured prominently in the state affairs of Great Britain. Royal families have been deposed, but the grip of the Cecils, the family name of the Premier, has seldom suffered. Temporary changes



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At this crisis in the career of Marquis of Salisbury it is interesting to look back upon the doings of his forebears. Already there are murmurings in England against the Premier because of the serious complications which threaten the safety of the kingdom, and all of these complications have arisen since his selection as the head of her Majesty's Cabinet. The Hon. Joseph Chamberlain is in some quarters being mentioned as the successor of Salisbury, should the latter perform the evolution vulgarly called "turned down." The accession of Mr. Chamberlain to the premiership would be of interest to Americans for the reason that Mrs. Chamberlain was formerly Miss Elliott, of Boston. As the wife of the Premier her influence would be second only to that of royalty, a condition which would not be at all relative to many of the titled ladies of the kingdom.

About the most interesting possession of Salisbury is his home, Hatfield House. It is there that he spends much of his time nowadays, dealing with the problems which confront him, and it was there that a dozen or more of his grandfathers lived and plotted the intrigues which

daily fed at the gates, and "Hatfield" Manor prospered exceedingly when, in the First Henry's reign, this estate became, by royal appointment, an episcopal see, henceforth to be known as Bishops Hatfield or felle. Delightfully quaint is the language in which Earl Pembroke's descent on the renowned Hatfield cellars in the Third Henry's reign is described in some annals of the period.

For 500 long years did the Bishops of Ely rule well and wisely at Hatfield, a portion of the original palace being still in good preservation, where the visitor may recall in imagination past pageants, of whose actual splendor, however, few of posterity know little. Where the present rose-garden fills the air in June with heavy sweetness stood fastidiously according to ancient archives, three sides of a quadrangle, forming part of the palace, with a court in the center; Elizabeth's garden, with princely hedges of yew and its antique sundial, intact.

Nicholas West, the last Catholic Bishop of Ely, died in March, 1534, after which that chaste and gentle monarch, Henry VIII., tearing the wrath which his spoliation of monasteries excited, gave the succeeding subservient bishop several valuable church lands in exchange for Hatfield, which then became a royal residence. Here, within those historic walls, Prince Edward, born of his father's death, and taking the scepter into his already failing

ment, is filled with artistic treasures which might well grace a national museum.

Then there is the library, with its collection of state papers and the winter dining-room, also in the west wing, besides the rose bedroom. Lady Salisbury's winter bedroom is in the east wing, as is also the square state bed-chamber and the billiard-room. It would be futile, however, in the limited space at command, to undertake a detailed description of the mansion.

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It would take volumes to adequately describe the doings of the family of the Marquis. During the reign of Henry VIII. David Cecil, a Lancashire squire, attracted the attention of the High Sheriff of Northamptonshire. Since then there have been few breaks in the office holding tenacity of the family.

David's son Richard learned the arts of the court as a mere boy, beginning his official life as a royal page, and rising to the rank of High Sheriff of Rutland. During the religious strife, in which the monasteries of the Roman Church were plundered and their riches confiscated, Richard Cecil benefited largely by this work, and when he died, in 1532, he left valuable estates running into many counties. This was the origin of the vast fortune of Cecil.

Richard's son William was the first great statesman in the family, and the first to gain a title. He was the famous Lord Burleigh. Born in 1529, he entered St. John's College, Cambridge, at the age of 15. St. John's was the most famous and aristocratic seat of learning in England, and at the time Cecil was there it numbered among its fellows Roger Ascham and John Cheke, the profound Greek scholar of his generation.

Young Cecil struck up a very close friendship with the great Greek scholar, whose father had been only a university beadle, and whose widow mother supported her young family by keeping a wine-shop in the town. Despite his poverty, Cecil fell in love with the poor widow's daughter, Mary, much to his father's disgust. He was packed off to a lawyer's office in Gray's Inn, but two months after he brought the fair Mary back with him, and she became his wife.

She died, however, within three years, leaving an only son, Thomas Cecil, who was to become Earl of Exeter, and to whom the simple wine-seller in Cambridge bequeathed her name. Cecil did not remain long in the lawyer's office, for in the following year, 1545, he married Mildred, the eldest daughter of Sir Anthony Cook, the great lawyer, whose four daughters were famous for their classical erudition. The second daughter was the mother of Lord Bacon. It is from his second wife that the descendants of Cecil inherit much of their ability, for she came from the part where he meant to introduce the quotation. Then his memory failed him. The shock was appalling for a moment. He stood rigid and pale before a thousand watchful eyes, in his mind only a blank, before him a turbulent sea of upturned and expectant faces. With a characteristic gesture he threw up his hands to the forehead, and in his mind a furious voice he recited the following words:

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Wealth is not his who gets it, but his who enjoys it. What the fool does in the end, the wise man does in the beginning.—Spanish.

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